



TOWN OF LOOMIS
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY and NOISE COMMITTEE MEETING
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA
ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday	April 21, 2021	6:00 pm
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CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

<u>Public Health & Safety</u>	X Chairman Danny Cartwright X Member Russ Kelley X Member John Ireland X Member Martha Merriam AB Member Mark Geyer	AB Vice Chair Linda Kelly AB Member A J Moyer X Auxiliary Carolyn Macola X Auxiliary Georgia Ann Kern
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<u>Noise</u>	X Chairman Danny Cartwright X Member Paul Bollard X Member Eva Marshall X Member Melissa Netzel X Member Roger Smith Technical Staff Matthew Gerken, AECOM and Luke Saxelby, Saxelby Acoustics	
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COMMITTEE COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA : None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dottie Robinson- Commented on the need for a sound wall at Brace and Hunters Oaks due to increased traffic noise

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

If items on the Agenda will be rescheduled for a different day and time, it will be announced at this time. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three-minute time limit. The Chairman has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.

Motion to adopt agenda: Netzel 2nd: Ireland Vote:

Ayes Cartwright, Kelley, Ireland, Merriam, Bollard, Marshall, Netzel

Noes: none

Absent Geyer Kelly, Moyer, Smith, Ring

Abstain none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

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APPROVE

Motion to approve consent agenda: Kelley 2nd: Ireland Vote:

Ayes Cartwright, Kelley, Ireland, Merriam, Bollard, Marshall, Netzel

Noes: none

Absent Geyer Kelly, Moyer, Smith, Ring

Abstain: none

COMMITTEE MATTERS

1. **Recap of March 17, 2021 Meeting**
2. **Considerations for the General Plan Update**
3. **Next Steps**

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS OF STAFF

Danny Cartwright: Commented that a resident spoke to him stated the Railroads came first so the noise itself is not a problem but can the decibel level be adjusted.

Eva Marshal: Voiced concern over the trains stopping mid-town and blocking the roads, can this problem be addressed? She also asked about why the LDN over 24-hour when the businesses have limited hours, and she asked about the need for an alternate emergency plan if the trains have the roadway blocked.

Paul Bollard: Stated the town should pursue a "quiet zone" designation. He also highly encourages revising the standards for non-traffic related. He stated he is not in favor of sound walls, rather he is in favor of setting noise standards to be applicable where the sensitivity exists. He commented that the noise standard is a high, but reasonable standard, and should not be a problem in our rural settings.

Jan Clark-Cret: Commented that the trains are a historical part of the Town, asking for communication with the operators of Union Pacific to voice our concerns.

Georgia Ann Kerns stated she will look into railroad information.

Melissa Netzel: Comments that trees and Shrubs can be a great noise buffer.

Jan Clark-Crets asked if the town has its own emergency plan or if we just mirror the county plan.

Russ Kelly: Asked if we could develop a table outlining the various regulations and which agency is over-seeing these regulations. Commented that the fire department has mutual aid agreement with neighboring departments to cover areas that may be blocked and our department is unable to respond to.

Carolyn Macola commented on the hazardous materials plan stating all can participate – Stating that the Railroads, and what they carry is addressed in this plan.

Martha Merriam – Commented that Davis was able to recently able to construct a railroad overpass.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Wilson: Asked about how to access the information on the PowerPoint slides, and she also requested that we not lose valuable information as we update the element. She also commented on Noise issues that arise between differing zoning districts, specifically mentioning the Limited Light industrial district and the adjoining residential zone and the conflicts that come up in this area.

Lorraine Theibaud: Voiced her concern over Railroad track safety. She suggested the need for a railroad over or underpass to solve the problems caused by stopped trains. She asked about the differences and effects of long and short term noise, and the tools to regulate this.

COMMITTEE DELIBERATION AND DIRECTION

RECOMMENDATION: None at this time

ASSIGNMENTS

- Continue to Review the Existing Element and Draft Setting Update <https://loomis.ca.gov/2020-general-plan-update/>
- Submit comments GPUUpdate@loomis.ca.gov

Click the following link to view the You Tube video of this meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUhCxrG7iIE>

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2021 - 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

Signed, 05/14/2021 at Loomis, California.

Carol Parker

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